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It's official – the wettest autumn on record

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Latest figures from the Met Office show that the autumn rainfall total for England and Wales is the highest since records began in 1766. Measurements made up to 9.00 a.m. Monday, 27 November 2000, show a total of 469 mm has fallen over England and Wales since the beginning of September. This beats the previous autumn highest rainfall of 456 mm set in 1852.

Ewen McCallum, Head of Forecasting at the Met Office, said: "We all knew it had rained a lot recently and we've seen the terrible floods that have occurred as a consequence. However these figures are clear evidence of how exceptionally wet this Autumn has been and there is yet more rain to come before the month ends."

Note:

1. The Met Office defines the UK autumn season as being the months of September, October and November.

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